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RUSS TROOPS IN OFFENSIVE ON 2 FRONTS

Blow Up Turk Trenches in Galicia and Successfully Oppose Counter Attack—More Than 1,000 Men and Some Officers Captured in Fighting Rumanian District.

Four Attacks Made By France at Verdun, But German Fire Breaks Up Movement—Night Patrol Engagements Feature Activities in Neighborhood of Alsace.

Petrograd, Jan. 29.—During Saturday's battle northeast of Jacobeni on the northern end of the Rumanian front, Russian troops captured some officers and more than 1,000 men, the war office announced today.

In their offensive movement in Galicia, south of Brzezany, the Russians captured and blew up a number of trenches held by the Turks, afterward withdrawing to the original Russian lines where attacks launched by the Turks were twice repulsed.

HERLINT REPORTS AN ATTACK.
Berlin, Jan. 29, by wireless to Sayville.—In Galicia yesterday the Russians attacked with strong forces positions held by the Turks, afterward withdrawing to the original Russian lines where attacks launched by the Turks were twice repulsed.

ALSACE PATROLS CLASH.
Paris, Jan. 29.—French troops last night easily repulsed an attempted attack by the Germans on a trench at Hartmann's Wellerkopf, Alsace, today's war office statement says.

Charge of Reckless Driving In Doctor's Case Is Continued

The trial of Dr. John Formichella, of 654 Pembroke street, who is arrested on charges of reckless driving and operating a machine without a license after he had struck and knocked down Lawrence Johnson, of 1,016 Main street, and Walter Holmes, of 478 William street, was continued by Judge Bartlett in the city court today until next Thursday.

CAPTAIN HELD ON U-BOAT.
London, Jan. 29.—The crew of the Norwegian steamer Theredal, sunk by a German submarine, has arrived in Las Palmas, says a Reuter dispatch from that Canary Island port today. The captain is a prisoner on board the submarine.

Seriously Injured Trying to Assist Friend In Wreck

The efforts of Arthur Stokes, a draughtsman of this city, to save the life of his friend, George W. Jackson, of 1182 Stratford avenue, during a train wreck in Waterbury, last Saturday night may cost him his own. Stokes, while assisting Jackson, who had been pinned between the seats, was struck a smashing blow on the head by a falling dress suit case.

Jackman was taken to St. Mary's hospital, bleeding from wounds on the face and suffering from a fracture of the leg. Stokes came directly to his home, 1182 Stratford avenue, apparently none the worse for the accident which befell him. Yesterday morning, however, he complained of feeling ill.

A physician, who was summoned, ordered his removal to St. Vincent's hospital and he collapsed on reaching the institution. He was found to be suffering from a severe concussion of the brain and his condition is reported as serious.

Reform School for Boy Who Passed Bad Checks on Merchants

Roy Boyle, 14 years, of 296 Berkshire avenue, the embryo "Jim the Penman," who forged and passed worthless checks on local merchants was sent to the Connecticut School for Boys, by Judge Bartlett in the city court today. Another youth, John Newman, 18 years, hailing from New York, who stole \$40 from a safe in the American Tea Co.'s store, 629 East Washington avenue, which was supposed to be a burglar proof, was sent to the Connecticut Reform School.

Newman was formerly in the employ of the Riker Drug Co., in this city, and a bag filled with goods taken from the drug store was found in his room when it was searched.

U-BOAT SINKS BIG TROOPSHIP

Berlin, Jan. 29, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—The sinking of a transport ship filled with troops in the Mediterranean by a German submarine on Jan. 22 was announced by the admiralty. The vessel sank in 10 minutes.

SAYS MISSING TOWN OFFICIAL GOT INDORSEMENT FOR \$1,500 NOTE BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED

Norfolk, Conn., Jan. 29.—An assertion today by Walter W. Collar, a grocer here, that before his disappearance Philemon W. Johnson, town clerk and librarian, secured his endorsement to a blank note, which Johnson later filled in for \$1,500, was the development of the day in the Johnson mystery. Johnson disappeared Jan. 21, leaving a note saying that he intended to kill himself among the rocks on Canaan mountain. Searching parties have so far secured no trace of him.

According to Mr. Collar he endorsed a note for Johnson for \$300. Later, when Johnson took up the note, he endorsed one for him for \$200. Before his disappearance, Mr. Collar said, Johnson told him he had paid off a hundred dollars on the latter note and again asked him for his endorsement. Collar said he was in a hurry at the time and endorsed a blank note. This he asserted, Johnson filled in for \$1,500 and deposited it with the Canaan National bank, afterward drawing out \$535 of it.

The examination of Johnson's books as town treasurer is proceeding. No irregularity has been found, it was said today. It was also intimated that his books as secretary of the Norfolk Agricultural association would be gone over.

HUNDREDS OF MOTHERS TAKE BABES TO COURT FOR TRIAL OF BIRTH CONTROL ADVOCATE

New York, Jan. 29.—Interest in the efforts of the birth control propagandists to spread their doctrine shifted today from the Blackwell's island workhouse, where Mrs. Ethel Byrne is conducting a hunger strike, to the special session court in Brooklyn and the trial of Mrs. Byrne's sister, Mrs. Margaret Sanger, and Miss Fania Mondell.

Mrs. Sanger and Miss Mondell are charged with aiding in the conduct of a birth control clinic, the same offense for which Mrs. Byrne is serving a 30 day sentence. Mrs. Sanger declared that if convicted she also would emphasize her protest against the law of the state by refusing to eat. It was announced that 500 mothers from that part of Brooklyn where Mrs. Sanger's birth control clinic was situated would accompany her to court, pushing their children in baby carriages. Plans were made also to have the Brooklyn mothers occupy seats at a birth control mass meeting in Carnegie hall tonight.

Mrs. Sanger said that her sister, Mrs. Byrne, who has undergone forcible feeding since Saturday morning, was in a serious condition. This was denied by Commissioner of Correction Lewis, who said that Mrs. Byrne's general physical condition was good and that she now made no resistance to the feeding process.

In a bulletin issued shortly before noon today Commissioner Lewis described Mrs. Byrne's general condition as "fair" and her mental condition as "good." She was fed one pint of malted milk, six ounces of coffee and a small amount of stimulant. The commissioner said Mrs. Byrne voluntarily took the tube in her mouth.

Wreck Engineer Is Under Suspension

Waterbury, Jan. 29.—The investigation begun yesterday by the public utilities commission and the New Haven railroad into the wreck at the Bank street signal tower in Waterbury, where a runaway locomotive crashed into the smoking coach on the New York express on Saturday night about 7 o'clock and injured nearly 50 men, was continued today. William Martin of Waterbury, a fireman who jumped from the runaway locomotive after taking it out of the round house, because he thought another engine was approaching and a collision would result, has been suspended pending the completion of the probe. Martin saw a headlight and thought a train was on the same track as the engine he was operating, but the headlight he saw was on a train on a parallel track.

At St. Mary's hospital, where 13 of the most seriously injured were taken, it was said today that none of them would die, all of them showing improvement.

Atty. Gould Loses In Landlord's Suit

Attorney Robert H. Gould of this city has lost his legal battle with his landlord in Sound Beach who refused to repair plumbing which Attorney Gould obtained to restrain the landlord, William B. Mackie, from electing him from the premises.

It was claimed by Attorney Gould that last October he signed a three year lease with Mackie by the terms of which the lawyer was to pay \$37.50 a month rent and Mackie was to keep the plumbing in order. Attorney Gould declared the plumbing was not in order, which caused the spreading of noxious odors. He refused to pay the rent and the landlord brought summary process proceedings.

HARRY QUINN SUED
Harry P. Quinn, who conducts a Fairfield avenue cafe, has been sued for \$9,000 by John T. Donovan, who formerly owned the building. Papers in the action were filed today in the superior court and Quinn's attorney, George W. Quinn, has filed a motion for summary judgment. It is alleged that on Dec. 2, 1912, Quinn gave Donovan his note for \$13,500. Only \$5,000 has been paid on this note, the complaint states, and the balance is due. The suit is returnable to the February term of court.

RIOTING IN JUAREZ.
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 29.—Rioting in Juarez, as a result of American regulations, was resumed early today after a brief period of quiet, following yesterday's outbreak.

THE WEATHER
Unsettled, probably snow or rain tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight.

TABLES TURNED AS LABOR MEN ASK INJUNCTION

Union Would Restrain Manufacturers from Employing Certain Persons.

CLAIM WORKMEN ARE BOUND BY CONTRACT

W. B. Rubin, Eminent Labor Counsel, Represents the Plaintiffs.

The unusual spectacle of a union trying to get an injunction against a manufacturing concern was presented in the superior court this morning, when arguments were heard in the petition of the International Molasses of North America, Local No. 110, against the Monumental Bronze Co.

The union claims to have a contract with three men, Michael Krieg, John Sokuk and Anton Sombody, by the terms of which the three were to solicit members for the union. It is said the Bronze Co. hired these men and retained them as employees even after the union had given notice of the contract. The court is asked to enjoin the Bronze Co. from keeping the men in its employ.

Attorney W. B. Rubin of Milwaukee, Wis., who has been retained as a representative of labor in many big suits, argued this morning that the injunction should be issued. He said unions have been enjoined from trying to induce men to break contracts. He declared a valid contract cannot be broken and that the law can compel a man under such a contract to stop working for somebody else. The question of damages is not to be considered at this time.

Attorney Rubin called Supt. Frank Clancy of the Bronze Co. to the stand to question him about the employment of Krieg, Sokuk and Sombody. He said the men came to the foundry and said they wanted work. He gave them jobs, not knowing of any contract they had with the union.

Ralph M. Sperry, one of the Bronze Co. officials, was then called. He said he knew nothing about the case except he had been informed that the men were employed in the foundry. He admitted he had been notified by the union of the contract but had not ordered the men discharged.

Judge E. K. Nicholson argued for the Bronze Co. this afternoon against issuing an injunction. Judge Bennett took the papers.

Dutch and Danish Coasts Blockaded, Report In Berlin

London, Jan. 29.—The Berlinger Tageblatt says an Evening News despatch from the Hague, announces a British blockade of Helgoland involving to some extent portions of the Dutch and Danish coasts. It says the measure is mainly directed against the entrance and departure of German submarines.

Advices received in Washington on Saturday from the American embassy in London announced a warning issued by an extension of the North zone designated as "dangerous for shipping."

Capt. David M. Earle, Senate Door Keeper, Is Dead at 79 Years

Worcester, Jan. 29.—Capt. David M. Earle, a door keeper in the United States senate on the republican side and former warden of the Massachusetts state prison when it was in Concord as deputy director of internal security, died this morning at St. Vincent's hospital after nine days of illness with pneumonia. Mr. Moran was a brother of John Moran, who is connected with the local police department.

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Jane Reilly Estate Estimated at \$20,000

Application for the appointment of Thomas Flynn as administrator of the estate of Jane Reilly was made in the probate court today by Henry E. Jane A. and Carrie E. Reilly, son and daughters of the deceased. They with another daughter, Minnie E. Moore, are the heirs. The estate consists of the property at 25 Cannon street and the hotel and business there estimated at \$20,000.

Inventory of the estate of Gertrude A. Beardsley of Monroe filed today by appraisers, Frederick P. Sherman and J. Frank Olmstead, shows property and cash amounting to \$4,359.57. The inventory of the estate of Michael Nolan of Monroe is \$1,587.02, including horses, cows, and farming implements. The appraisers were J. Frank Olmstead and G. L. Burr.

BANK INCREASES CAPITAL

Hartford, Jan. 29.—In a document filed with the secretary of state today the Shelton Bank & Trust Co. of Shelton, gives notice of an increase in capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

N.Y. BANKER, MENTIONED BY LAWSON IN "LEAK" CHARGES, CLEARS SECRETARY McADOO

PETTY BURGLARS' PLAN INTERFERED WITH BY POLICE

"Clean-Up of Small Town Stores" Was Projected by "Wise" Youths.

Harry J. Smith and Benjamin Howard, New York youths, who considered Bridgeport to be a "small town" where they could reap a harvest of burglarizing stores, were each held in bonds of \$3,000 for the superior court by Judge Frederick Bartlett in the city court this morning.

Both men had come to this city last Thursday and hired a room at 307 Fairfield avenue, intending to make a cleanup of stores Sunday morning. They ransacked the public auction rooms of Elwood and Clark, in Fairfield avenue. Loot totaling in value more than \$50 was taken by them to their rooms. It included all kinds of table silverware, fur coats and muffs, talking machine records, police glass and other miscellaneous articles.

Detectives James Dooley and James Bray who were sent to investigate the robbery found that entrance had been gained by forcing a rear window with a "saw" and they also found that an attempt had been made to force an entrance to the Fiske Tire Co. store, next door to the house in which the burglars were roving.

The officers then made a search of lodging houses in the vicinity and found that Smith and Howard were new arrivals in town and had roomed for a few days at the lodging house, 307 Fairfield avenue. It occurred to them that a search of the room might develop some clue. They climbed the stairs and on entered found Smith sitting on the bed, the loot packed in dress suit cases, and a list of burglars' suits hung on the wall behind a mirror.

When asked to make a statement Smith replied that "in the town I come from they don't squeal." He was arrested and Dooley and Bray after booking him returned to the Fairfield avenue house, Lewis returning from New York while they sat in the room. He was promptly arrested. The police are investigating the New York careers of the men.

GRAND LIST OF STRATFORD WILL PASS 8 MILLION

Real Estate Developments Bear Brunt of Boosted Valuations.

(Special to The Farmer)
Stratford, Jan. 29.—Stratford's grand list this year will be more than \$8,000,000. These figures were virtually arrived at today by the board of assessors who are now finishing their work, which must be completed by Feb. 1.

An increase of about \$1,250,000 over last year has been recorded. The grand list last year was \$6,750,000. Almost every piece of property has been boosted by the board. The places most affected are real estate tracts that are being developed as home sections. Heretofore these tracts were included as farm land and therefore were subject to a very small tax.

For the last year the town has undergone a tremendous growth. Permits for more than \$800,000 worth of buildings have been issued by Building Inspector Harry A. Burnes. The population of Stratford, according to one assessor, is between 10,000 and 11,000 persons, an increase of about 3,000 in the last two years.

Lawrence Moran Dies of Pneumonia, Six Months After Father

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REVENUE BILL READY.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The new revenue bill, embracing excess profits and increased inheritance taxes designed to produce \$248,000,000, and a bond issue not exceeding \$100,000,000, to meet the threatened deficit next year, was reported today by the house committee on ways and means. Democratic members voted solidly for it and the Republicans against it. The bill will be considered in the House tomorrow.

COMPTROLLER WEBSTER OUT.

Hartford, Jan. 29.—Comptroller Morris C. Webster left the Hartford hospital today and was in his office at the capitol. He had been in the hospital since Thursday, suffering from gall stones.

ASKS POLICE TO HELP FIND WIFE WHO VANISHED

State Street Man Searched Cities As Far West As Detroit.

Believing that his wife is wandering about the country, in a fit of mental aberration, Earl Gusman, of 914 State street, after a vain search of two weeks, in which he went as far west as Detroit to find her, has appealed to the police to aid him.

Gusman's wife is described as an exceedingly good looking girl, 22 years of age, and before her marriage was Mabel E. Hannon, a member of a Bridgeport family. She was last seen two weeks ago Sunday by friends of her husband in the Grand Central Station, New York, walking alone through the terminal with a dress suit in her hand.

According to her husband, she left home two weeks ago Saturday. On that day she returned from the La Realista Corset factory where she had been working and packed her belongings, draying what money she had from a local bank. She then wrote a note to her mother and stated that the latter could have her sewing machine and her personal effects; that she was going away and would never return.

Gusman arrived home a short time after her departure and since that period has been nearly frantic with grief. He went to Detroit after searching in New York, thinking that his wife may have gone to the former city because of the fact that firms in Detroit had extensively advertised for corset factory help.

Gusman told the police that his wife lately had been acting very peculiar and had grown exceedingly nervous.

POMEROY BALKS AT WORK; SEEKS A FULL PARDON

After 41 Years Solitary Confinement, He Is Punished for Obstinacy.

Boston, Jan. 29.—Jesse Jomero, a life convict in Charlestown state prison, refused today to begin work in the prison shops under a modification of sentence granted last week by the executive council. When informed that he would be taken out of solitary confinement after 41 years, Pomero, became obstinate and declared that unless he could obtain a full pardon he preferred to remain in his old cell.

No statement was made by the prison authorities today beyond the announcement by Warden Nathan D. Allen that Pomero had been "put in punishment" which meant that he would have nothing except bread and water until he was ready to observe the rules of the institution. He was removed to a cell in another part of the building and will remain in solitude. Warden Allen said that no further information concerning Pomero would be given out at the prison.

Discuss Values Here at Elm City Meeting

Because of the great increase in the assessment of property in the city of Bridgeport concern is being felt throughout the state over holdings here and the possibilities for the future rental values. So keen is the interest displayed that a number of New Haven and Bridgeport property owners and speculators met at Melrose restaurant, New Haven, last Friday, to discuss the various problems here.

Though the project to raise rental values in Main street to meet the new assessments was broached no definite conclusion was reached. The meeting was adjourned to be held in Bridgeport during the latter part of this week.

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Pliny Fisk, at Resumption of Congressional Investigation, Denies That Head of Treasury Department Was Interested in Stock Deals.

Has "Leaned Backward," He Says, in His Dealings With Mr. McAdoo Since Latter Entered Cabinet—Emphatically Denies Lawson Charges.

New York, Jan. 29.—Pliny Fisk, a New York banker, named by Thomas W. Lawson as the banker in the mysterious "cabinet member-senator-banker" investment trinity, denied at the "leak" inquiry today that he ever had been interested with Secretary McAdoo or a senator in any joint stock account.

Pliny Fisk of Harvey Fisk & Sons, bankers, was the first witness called today. Fisk was brought into the inquiry by Thomas W. Lawson declaring at the hearings in Washington that Archibald White told him Fisk had boasted to him that he controlled Secretary McAdoo and had offered late one night to summon McAdoo from his bed by telephone. Lawson also said he had heard Fisk was connected with the peace note leak.

Decision to call Fisk was reached today at an executive session of the committee and its counsel, Sherman L. Whipple.

Before the hearing opened Representative Bennett said that the mysterious "paper" in his possession, showing that some one had the foresight to sell 20,000 shares of Steel on a rising market 48 hours before the peace note was released, was a clearing house record.

"I was not a state positively," Mr. Fisk said on taking the witness stand, "that I never had a conversation with White during which the names of Mr. McAdoo entered. I want to state that most unequivocally."

The banker said he knew White "only slightly." He had never, he said, had business dealings with him, nor did he belong to the same club that White did, as seemed to be indicated in the Lawson testimony.

Mr. Fisk said he knew White only slightly, had never had business dealings with him, and did not belong to the same club that White did. The dealings of his firm in the stock market were comparatively small, as the major part of its business consisted of "over the counter" transactions in investment securities. Such stock market business as it did was transacted through other firms.

Fisk said he was closely associated with Mr. McAdoo in the building of the Hudson tubes, his firm acting as banker for the construction, but that he had seen little of him since he entered the cabinet.

Asked whether he had anything to do with closing up McAdoo's business affairs after he entered the treasury, Fisk replied affirmatively. Upon entering the cabinet, Fisk said, McAdoo turned over all his securities, largely bank and trust company stock, to Fisk's firm, and on them obtained a loan of \$112,000. On Jan. 15, 1914, Fisk said, all the securities having been disposed of, the debt was liquidated and a surplus was turned over to McAdoo.

"Have you ever purchased or caused to be purchased, in the last four years, any securities in which Secretary McAdoo was interested?" Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for the investigating committee, asked.

"I have not, sir," Fisk declared with great emphasis.

As one of the bankers for the Hudson and Manhattan terminals, of which Mr. McAdoo was president Fisk said, he came into contact with McAdoo and Harvey Fisk & Sons, of which Fisk is a member, also closed up some of the secretary's business when he entered the cabinet, but since that time he has had virtually no business relations with him.

"In the last four years," Whipple asked, "have you made any requests of the secretary?"

"I have not," Fisk said. "To use a homely expression, I have leaned backward in that respect."

Fisk said he had personal correspondence with the secretary but had preserved none of it.

"Has your firm," asked Whipple, "ever enjoyed advantages in regard to transactions with the treasury department?"

"Never advantages which any other Wall street firm might not have received," replied Fisk.

"I want to ask you a question which it was decided by the committee in executive session to put to you. Is it a fact that the Federal reserve bank occupied a building belonging to your firm?"

"Yes, during the first year and a half of its existence."

The witness said that he, personally, had nothing to do with the negotiations for the lease of the office to the bank, these having been conducted by the agent of the building.

"Did you talk to the secretary of the Federal reserve bank?"

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